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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR STAFF MEMBERS OF USDOC SPONSORED EXHIBITIONS

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USDOC FOR BEWT/ABRAHAMSON

1. LATEST GO-ROUND WITH SOVIETS ON VISAS FOR USDOC PERSONNEL (BROMEL, BODSON, SWARR, BARANES ETC) ASSIGNED TO STAFF OF USDOC EXHIBITION IN SOVIET-SPONSORED EVENT (IN THIS CASE NASOSY-75) INDICATES THAT SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS NOT OBSERVING TERMS OF "THREE-FIVE DAY RULE" AS IT APPLIES TO USDOC PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TDY TO EMBASSY (COMMERCIAL OFFICE). THIS ASSUMES, OF COURSE, THAT APPLICATIONS FILED WITH SOVIET EMBASSY MADE CLEAR THAT PERSONNEL IN QUESTION WERE BEING ASSIGNED TDY TO EMBASSY AND MADE APPROPRIATE REFERENCES TO "THREE-FIVE DAY RULE."

2. TO AVOID PROBLEMS IN CASE OF REMAINING PERSONNEL COMING TO MOSCOW AS MEMBERS OF NASOSY-75 STAFF AND TO AVOID REPETITION OF SIMILAR PROBLEMS WITH FUTURE EXHIBITIONS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT AND USDOC/BEWT USE CASE OF NEXT USDOC EMPLOYEE COMING TO MOSCOW FOR NASOSY-75 (I.E. JERSCHKOWSKY, STATE 9025) TO CLARIFY WITH SOVIET EMBASSY THAT USDOC PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TDY TO EMBASSY (COMMERCIAL OFFICE) FOR EXHIBITIONS ARE ENTITLED TO PROVISIONS OF "THREE-FIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAY RULE" AND SHOULD BE ISSUED SOVIET VISAS WITHIN SPECIFIED

PERIOD. APPARENT REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED BY SOVIET EMBASSY
THAT USDOC EMPLOYEES HAVE CONFIRMATION OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
IN MOSCOW BEFORE VISAS ARE ISSUED ALSO APPEAR TO BE
VIOLATION OF "THREE-FIVE DAYS RULE". WE SUGGEST THAT SOVIET
EMBASSY BE INFORMED THAT EMBASSY MOSCOW WILL MAKE NECESSARY
ARRANGMENTS FOR USDOC TDY PERSONNEL AND THAT SHOULD EMBASSY DETERINE
THAT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS UNAVAILABLE, TRAVEL WOULD BE POST-
PONED. IN ANY EVENT, SOVIET EMBASSY SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR USDOC TDY PERSONNEL NOT RPT NOT APPROPRIATE
CONCERN. (COMMENT - AS PRACTICAL MATTER, CONFIRMATIONS OF HOTEL
ACCOMMODATIONS ARE USUALLY RECEIVED FROM UPDK TOO LATE TO BE
USED FOR VISA ISSUANCE PURPOSES. END COMMENT).
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